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This publication is a guide to teaching astronomy through the use of mythology and its literature in grades 3-6. The book is divided into the following seven sections: "Introduction"; Chapter 1: "Luna: the Moon"; Chapter 2: "Del Sol: the Sun"; Chapter 3: "The Planets"; Chapter 4: "Star Bright, Star Light"; Chapter 5: "Traveling through Space"; and Chapter 6: "Responding to Literature." A list of the multiple intelligences, three recommended readings, and a lesson plan suggestion are included. Chapters 1-5 are structured so that each can be used individually or in combination with the others, and each contains introductory literature and response activities followed by a sequential process that leads students through the acquisition of basic scientific understanding within each topic. Each chapter contains a bibliography, focusing on myths and folktales, and offers suggestions for combining these stories with math, science, art, music, and the multiple intelligences. Chapter 6 contains general recommendations for responding to literature with which most literary works can be accommodated. An appendix contains contact information for: NASA teacher resource centers; other NASA resources; additional aerospace resources; publications; and equipment resources. Contains an index. (DLS)

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